

In fact, last year the private sector created some 1.1 million jobs. That is more private-sector job growth created in 2010 alone than during all of the Bush administration. Fully 200,000 of those jobs, or one out of every five, were in the health care industry.

In the Capital Region alone, repeal would strip benefits from some 439,000 individuals with health insurance and 113,000 seniors on Medicare. My constituents would lose guaranteed coverage for their preexisting conditions, coverage for young adults, lower drug prices for seniors, and free preventive care for people with insurance coverage and Medicare.

Madam Speaker, repealing health care reform to return to the old status quo, where insurance companies run amok and put profits over people, is irresponsible and reckless for our Nation and our economy.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM HARRY CROUSE, IV

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. On December 21, 2010, Lance Corporal William Henry Crouse, IV, age 22, died of wounds sustained while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province in Afghanistan. As a field artillery cannoneer assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Lance Corporal Crouse was serving his first deployment to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he had been for 6 weeks.

Born June 13, 1988 in Angola, Indiana, Lance Corporal Crouse joined the Marine Corps in November 2007 and was promoted to lance corporal August 1, 2008.

Lance Corporal Crouse's awards and decorations include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Lance Corporal Crouse is survived by his mother, Nancy, and stepfather, Vinnie Siders, of Fort Wayne; his brothers, Nathan and Ryan; and his sisters, Jennifer Chaffee and Jennifer Hartman.

After quickly being promoted to lance corporal, Lance Corporal Crouse selflessly gave his life as a service to defend our country's freedom in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. My heart goes out to his family, and I want to express my deepest gratitude to them both for the sacrifice they have made for our Nation.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMANDA GAYLE'S KITCHEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I want to tell you about a good work that's going on in Houston, Texas. It's a program that is not sponsored by the government. In fact, the government is not involved in this project at all. It all started 15 months ago when Amanda Gayle and her mother, Linda Gayle Lee, decided they would start going from Humble, Texas, my hometown, to downtown Houston, about 30 miles away, and start feeding the homeless. And so they fix hot meals for the homeless. They go out to downtown Houston in a remote area of that city, and they feed those people every night a hot meal. And they've done it for 15 months.

I call this Amanda Gayle's Kitchen. And they are feeding the homeless—not just the homeless, but I believe these are the rejected homeless. These are the homeless that can't get into shelters. They don't live in shelters. They have all kinds of physical, emotional, and mental issues, and they live on the streets of Houston, Texas. And every night for 15 months, they've fed about 100 of these homeless individuals with a hot meal.

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A couple of months ago, the Houston Police Department came to where they were feeding and told them they needed to move to another location, the police department suggested the location, and they moved down the street; and every night they feed the homeless. In fact, now they bring them blankets and sleeping bags because of the winter.

Amanda Gayle is now married to a preacher, Trey Herring, and he has continued this network of feeding the homeless and clothing them every night. They have networks all over the Houston area, some in a different county, where this hot food is brought in, cooked in kitchens, and they feed the inner city. It's an organized effort, they enjoy doing it, and it's something that's important.

But on December 30, even winter for Houston, the health department came in of the City of Houston and said, you can't do this anymore, because you don't have a permit to distribute food. And, you also cooked this food in a kitchen that is not certified by the City of Houston. The health department said the poor is susceptible to disease, so we're going to shut you down.

Like Amanda Gayle said, the health department would rather they go hungry, eat out of dumpsters, than to get a hot cooked meal from somebody that doesn't have a certified kitchen and doesn't have a permit to distribute food. In fact, the City of Houston cleanup crews have gone through this area and taken the sleeping bags and the blankets away from these individ-

uals. Of course Amanda Gayle and her kitchen folks continue to supply them with whatever they need.

Amanda Gayle and Trey Herring have both tried to contact the health department. They have received no answer about why they were shut down and how they can reopen. Because, see, they want to follow the law, they want to do the right thing, but they want to help these people that they feed every night a hot meal that they don't have access to from some government program.

This is a perfect example of the phrase that no good deed goes unpunished and they are punishing this good couple for what they're trying to do. I believe if the City of Houston had been around when the good Lord fed the 5,000, they would have tried to prohibit that good work since he had no permit to distribute food or hadn't cooked those two fish and five loaves from a certified kitchen. They would have closed him down, I'm sure.

Government is the problem here and government should help these people help people. All they want to do is feed the hungry every night. I'm not sure there's anybody in the House that would do this. But they do it because they want to help people that are in need. So I hope the City of Houston will figure out a way to let Trey and Amanda Gayle and those other people in Amanda Gayle's kitchen feed the hungry, clothe those that need to be clothed, and take care of those out there on the street that are there not by choice but because of circumstances. And the City of Houston needs to figure out a way that the government is not the problem but help this good couple do this good work and let them continue, together with the city, to make sure that certain people in our city, Houston, Texas, are taken care of every night.

And that's just the way it is.

HEALTH CARE LAW NOT A "JOB KILLER"

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARDNER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. MCDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my Republican colleagues to start having an honest debate about the health care law which they call a "job-killing" law because it polls well, but not because it's true. It seems pretty clear, especially from listening to the Republican attack ads during the last campaign, that the Republican pollsters have found the key to winning this debate and others is by saying "job-killing" as often as possible. If a Democrat said the sun rises in the east, the Republicans would say it's a job-killing sunrise.

Republicans entitled the current bill we are debating the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act." The basis for their "job-killing" rhetoric is

a report that they released recently entitled "ObamaCare: A Budget-Busting, Job-Killing Health Care Law." I have a copy of it here if anybody wants to get it. All you have to do is contact the Republicans.

Mr. Speaker, in the last Congress, we took up the challenge of reforming health care in this country because the system was broken and creating tremendous damage to the American economy. The fact is the health care law will help the economy. It will result in more efficiency, more stability of care, healthier Americans, and at fairer costs. That's what the law will do.

Republicans have repeatedly misused statistics from the CBO to support their argument that the law is primarily a "jobs killer." We are truly in a situation of Republican conclusions desperately in search of honest facts.

Let's look at the typical example—the Republicans' twisting of the views of experts to support their view. On the very first page of the report House Republicans released on January 6 entitled "ObamaCare," Republicans state that according to a nonpartisan CBO report from August 2010, the law will result in a loss of 650,000 jobs. Now you can get that from the CBO. It's available for people to read. But if you actually go to what they cite from the CBO report—it's on page 48—the report really says that the economy will use less labor because many people will choose to work less, or retire early, as a result of the benefits of the new law.

Let me read the exact quote from the Republican report. It says, "the nonpartisan CBO has determined that the law will reduce the amount of labor used in the economy by roughly half a percent," an estimate that adds up to roughly 650,000 jobs. The Republican report, however, deliberately chops off the last part of the CBO sentence to substantiate their claim. Here is the entire sentence: "The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the legislation, on net, will reduce the amount of labor used in the economy by a small amount—roughly half a percent—primarily by reducing the amount of labor that workers choose to supply." CBO explicitly makes clear that jobs will not be lost but instead that people will choose to work less in order to have a decent life. With the new health care law, the American people won't be drowning in health care costs and risks to their coverage.

Some evening, on Friday, fly home to Seattle with me and meet the flight attendants from United Airlines. We have the oldest base in the country. Most of those women are working so that they can have health care benefits for their family because their husband has a job and no health care benefits. They're not flying for the pension. They're not flying for the salary. They're flying to keep their health care benefits until they can get to Medicare.

The Republicans want to focus on their message—no matter what the

facts are. Republicans say that health care reform is bad for American business. The National Business Group on Health, a collection of nearly 300 large employers including Wal-Mart, Lockheed Martin and others, disagrees and says repeal will be bad, bad for businesses.

I will close by quoting, in a somber splash of honesty, the economics editor of the Wall Street Journal. On January 6, just 2 weeks ago, he wrote:

Talking about repeal of the health care law—remember, this is the Wall Street Journal—talking about repeal of the health care law may be a winning political strategy for Republicans, a rare way to please both workers and business executives, and here is what they finally end with—as long as they don't actually succeed in doing it.

The health care law isn't a job killing bill. It's good for business, it's good for American taxpayers, it's good for consumers, it's good for everybody in the society, and I urge my colleagues to recognize that words really do matter and they should stop mischaracterizing the health care law and confusing the American people.

BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, today I had the honor and privilege of visiting the wounded warriors at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Each one of the young men I saw, the oldest being 23, is very special, as are all of our men and women in uniform.

The medical staff at both Bethesda and Walter Reed is truly amazing. They have done a wonderful job repairing the broken bodies and spirits of our young servicemembers.

The number of wounded warriors returning from war has become more prevalent with the increased use of IEDs by the enemy. More and more of our young men and women are returning without their arms and legs. Tonight, Mr. Speaker, as a constant reminder of the pain of war, I show you this picture of a young triple amputee and his wife. This man gave his body for this country and will struggle for the rest of his life. How many more will have to return home in this condition?

This young man and his wife have just returned from the hospital. He is in a wheelchair. He lost an arm and two legs and he is looking at a beautiful American flag that was on the wall that had been drawn for him.

It is time we declare victory and get our troops out of Afghanistan. It is evident that President Karzai does not appreciate our commitment. If he did, he would not be so corrupt. If he did, he would not have made the comments that he now has three main enemies—the Taliban, the United States and the international community as stated in

the Washington Post on December 13. He said that if he had to choose sides today, he would choose the Taliban. The Taliban are killing American service men and women.

Mr. Speaker, I have joined DENNIS KUCINICH as well as many other members of both parties in the hope that President Obama will keep his promise to start withdrawing our troops in July of this year.

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In closing, I would like to urge the American people to get engaged in this cause and to let their Members of Congress know how they feel. They must encourage the Members of Congress to vote to bring our troops home. The pain must end, and we can easily declare a victory and bring our brave men and women home.

Mr. Speaker, as I do all the time on the floor of the House when I speak, I ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform, to bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I ask God in his loving arms to hold the families who have given a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. I ask God to please bless the House and Senate that we will do what is right for the American people. I ask God to give strength, wisdom, and courage to President Obama that he will do what is right for the American people. And three times I will ask God please, God please, God please continue to bless America.

SMART SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is now in its 10th straight year of war. The military occupation of Afghanistan is longer than any war in our Nation's history. An entire generation of young people—including my three grandchildren who came with me to visit Washington for the swearing in—is growing up knowing nothing but a Nation at war.

This war is not just a moral abomination with devastating human costs, and it is not just fiscally irresponsible and unsustainable with a price tag of about \$370 billion, though it most certainly is all of that. Perhaps the most tragic irony of this war is, for all of the sacrifice, it is not even doing what it was supposed to do: keeping us safe and defeating a terrorist threat.

If Iraq and Afghanistan have proven anything to us, Mr. Speaker, it is that we need an entirely new national security model; one that emphasizes brain over brawn; one that uses soft power instead of hard; one that protects America by relying on the most honorable American values—love of freedom, desire for peace, moral leadership, and compassion for the people of the world. With these values in mind, this week I